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DISEASES IN MANGO AND LITCHI ORCHARDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the livelihood of heavy losses to be incurred by the farmers in several States particularly in Bihar due to the spread of Madhuwa and Kal-Jharand diseases in the mango and litchi orchards; and

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the steps being taken by the Government so far to check the spread of such diseases?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): As per reports available there is no likelihood of heavy losses due to the spread of Madhuwa and Kal-Jharand disease in mango and litchi orchards.

(b): The Government has adopted Integrated Pest Management (IPM) a main plank of plant protection strategy in overall crop production programme in the country.31 Central IPM Centers have been established in 28 States and one UT.The mandate of these centers is pest/disease monitoring,production and release of bio-control agents/bio-pesticides,conservation of biocontrol agents and Human Resource Development in IPM by imparting training to Agriculture/Horticulture extension officers and farmers at grass root level by organizing Farmers Field Schools (FFSs).